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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form  
*Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing*
- ☒ Specification [Total Pages 40]  
*(preferred arrangement set forth below)*
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
  - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
  - Detailed Description of the Invention *(including drawings, if filed)*
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 07]
- ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 02]
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)*  
[Note Box 5 below]
  - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33 (b).
- ☐ Incorporation By Reference *(useable if Box 4b is checked)*  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- ☐ Microfiche Computer Program *(Appendix)*
- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
*(if applicable, all necessary)*
  - ☐ Computer Readable Copy
  - ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☒ Power of Attorney - A copy is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience  
*(when there is an assignee)*
- ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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*(Should be specifically itemized)*
- ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior application, Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
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☒ Divisional of prior application No: 09/133,712 filed August 13, 1998.

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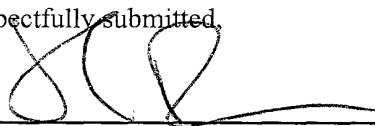
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- 4c. ☒ Informal drawings are enclosed.
- 5a. ☒ Priority of application no. 09/133,712 filed on August 13, 1998 in the United States Patent Office is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- 5b. ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application no. , filed .
6. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Acushnet Company, recorded August 13, 1998 Reel 9397 Frame 0603.
- 7a. ☒ The Power of Attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application no. 09/133,712, filed August 13, 1998.
- 7b. ☐ Since the Power of Attorney does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the Power in prior application no. , filed is enclosed.
8. ☐ This application contains nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences required to be disclosed in a Sequence Listing under 37 CFR §§1.821-1.825. It is requested that the Sequence Listing in computer readable form from prior application no., filed on be made a part of the present application as provided for by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e). The sequences disclosed therein are the same as the sequences disclosed in this application. A copy of the paper Sequence Listing from application no. is enclosed.
9. ☐ The undersigned states, under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), that the content of the enclosed paper Sequence Listing from application no. is the same as the content of the computer readable form submitted in application no. .
10. ☐ Additional enclosures or instructions.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 09/133,712 filed on August 13, 1998.

of Kenneth A. WELCHMAN, Steven A. BRESNAHAN and Henry J. CONATY  
 (inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATED GAME BALL INSPECTION  
 (title of invention)

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3. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:  
 This is a continuation, division, of application no. , filed .
- 4a. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon the prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.
- 4b. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.